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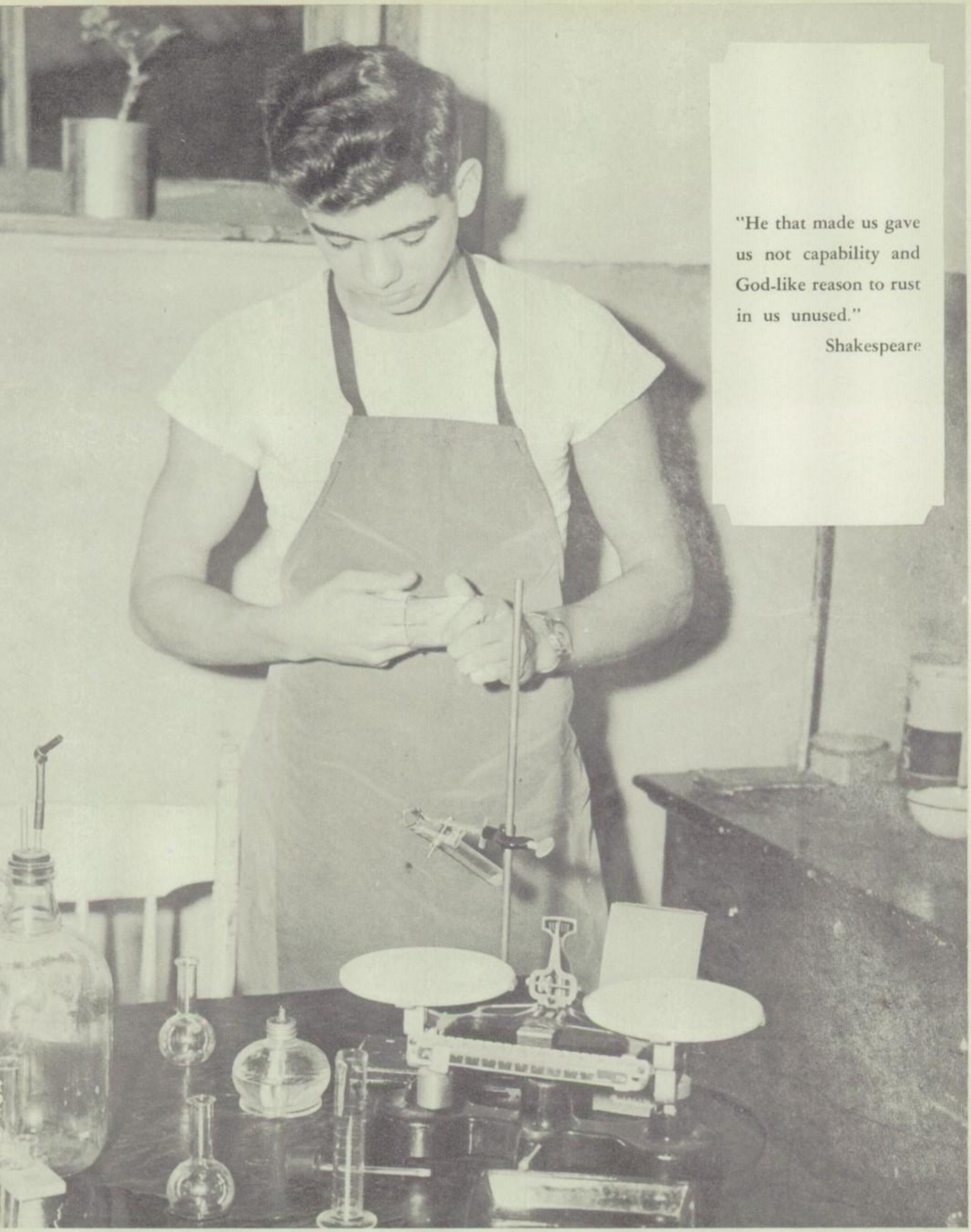

"He that made us gave us not capability and God-like reason to rust in us unused."

Shakespeare

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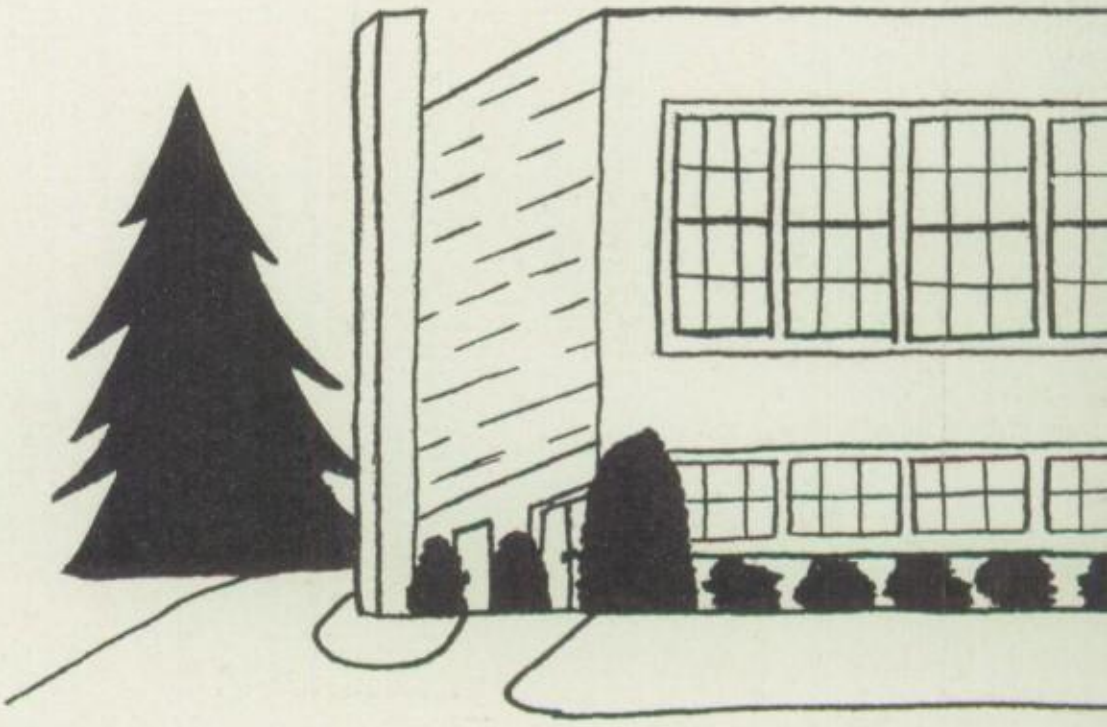

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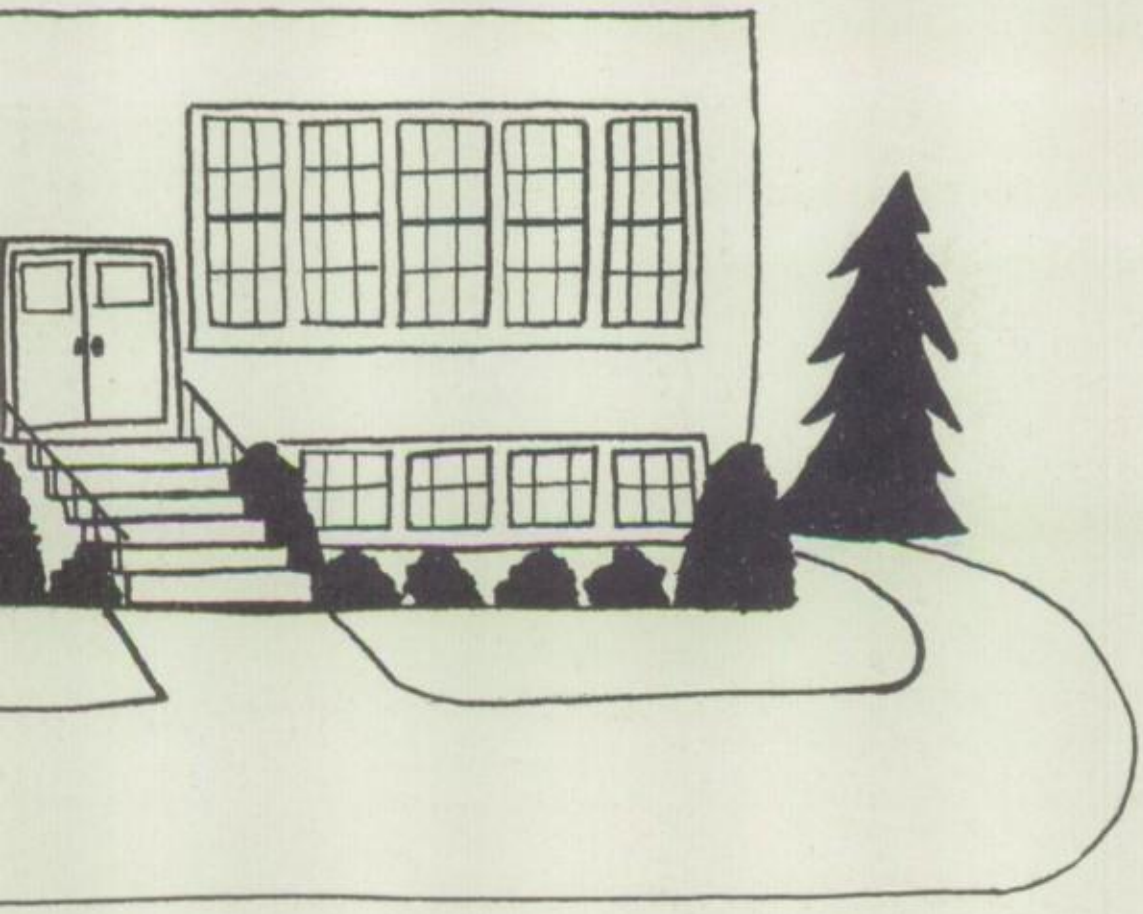
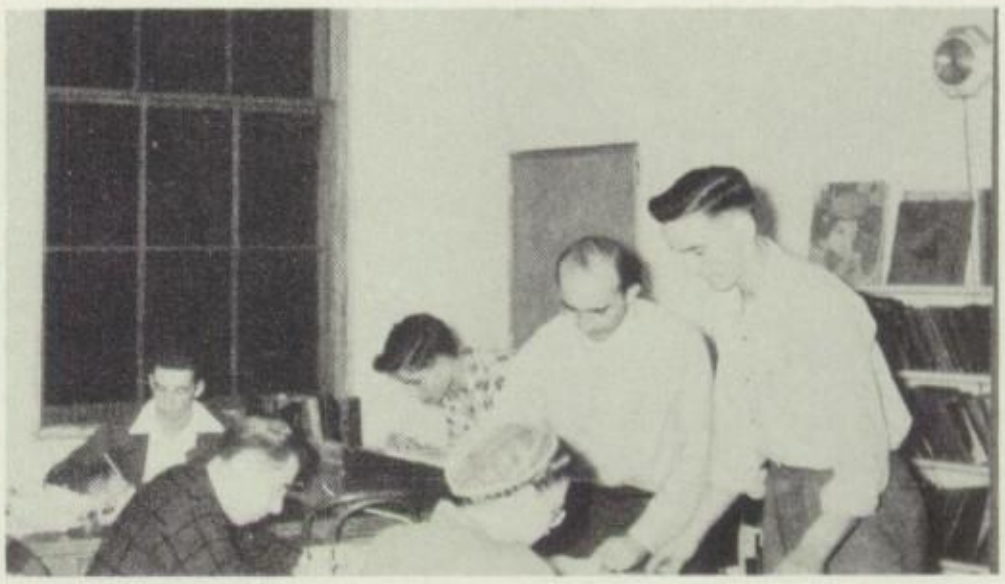


Mennonite School

Local Scenes

Foreword

The Staff of the 1950 Mem-o-re takes pleasure in presenting to you this volume, representing the sixth year of the School's existence. It has been our purpose to show school life as we have known it during this year, showing it in a way that can be easily remembered. We hope you will enjoy every page.



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Dedication

Our School has been very fortunate in having had from its beginning, teachers dedicated to the cause of Christian education. These have labored hard to help to make it possible to train youth for Christ and to develop a love for the Church.

It has been a great pleasure to have had with us Henry Yoder for the past three years and Esther Eash Yoder for the period of four years giving of their service in such an unselfish way. It is a worthwhile contribution that has helped to mold the character of the School in its formative period, leaving an influence not soon to be forgotten. We can only say that, while we are reluctant to let them go, we do wish them the very best of God's blessings as they enter other service. Bro. and Sister Yoder, gratefully do we dedicate this 1950 Mem-o-re to you!

Principal's Message

To know God as your very own, and Jesus Christ
To have the presence of the Holy Spirit within
To give of your very best in service
And not merely for reward
To pray often and think much
And talk little
To help the widow and fatherless
And keep unspotted from the world
To live each day as if it were your last
This is the well-marked path to success
Eternal!

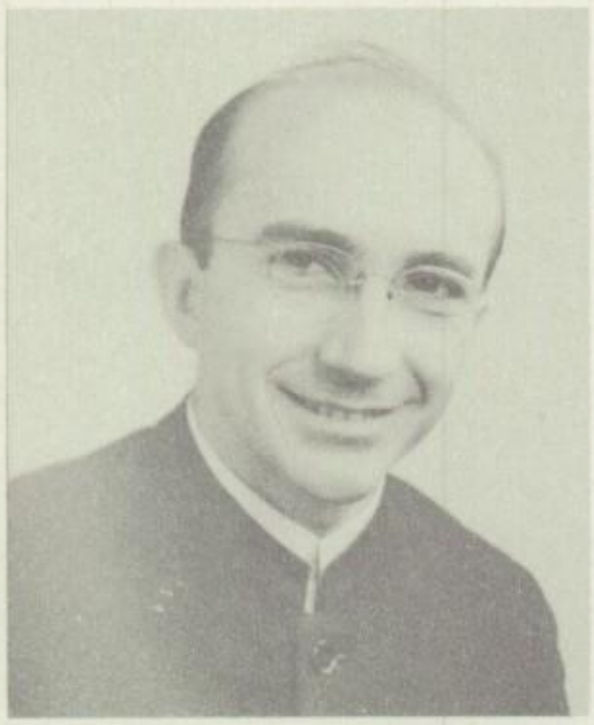
School Board

Faithfully, through thick and thin, these nine men have weathered the storms in the sponsorship and administration of the School. Their deliberations, marked with deep interest and prayerful concern, have been an inspiration to students and faculty. They have diligently sought to represent the group of patrons from whom they are chosen, as well as the Church at large. They have tried in every way to have a school that shall be a blessing to the church.

Meeting once a month, they act on such items that naturally fall into their scope of responsibility. Much of their time is taken up with finances, but each year they have been able to come out successfully. In the midst of their discussions there is always that fine spirit of Christian humor that keeps men's spirits from breaking. It is really an inspiration to attend one of their meetings.

Being practical minded, they have not only given of their valuable time in Board sessions, but with rolled up sleeves have toiled long hours in physical labor to provide every convenience about the building for each student. Especially was this demonstrated in the repair work done after our fire. We owe much to the School Board of the Johnstown Mennonite School.

Faculty



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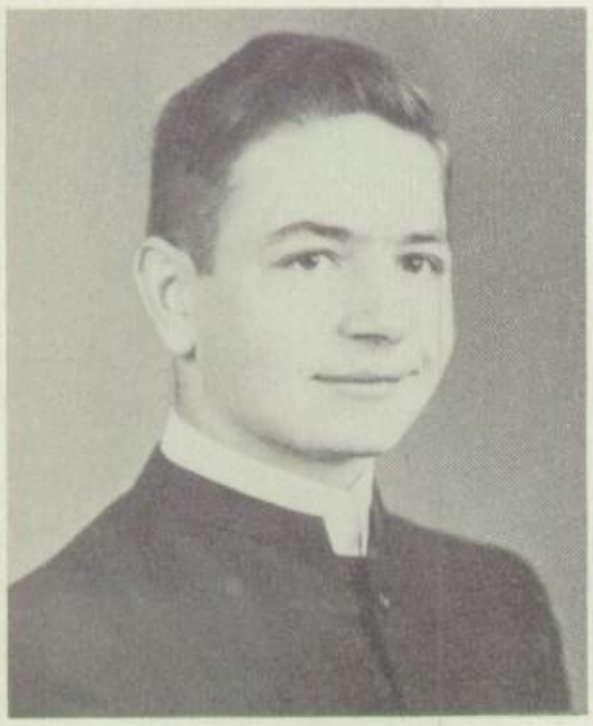

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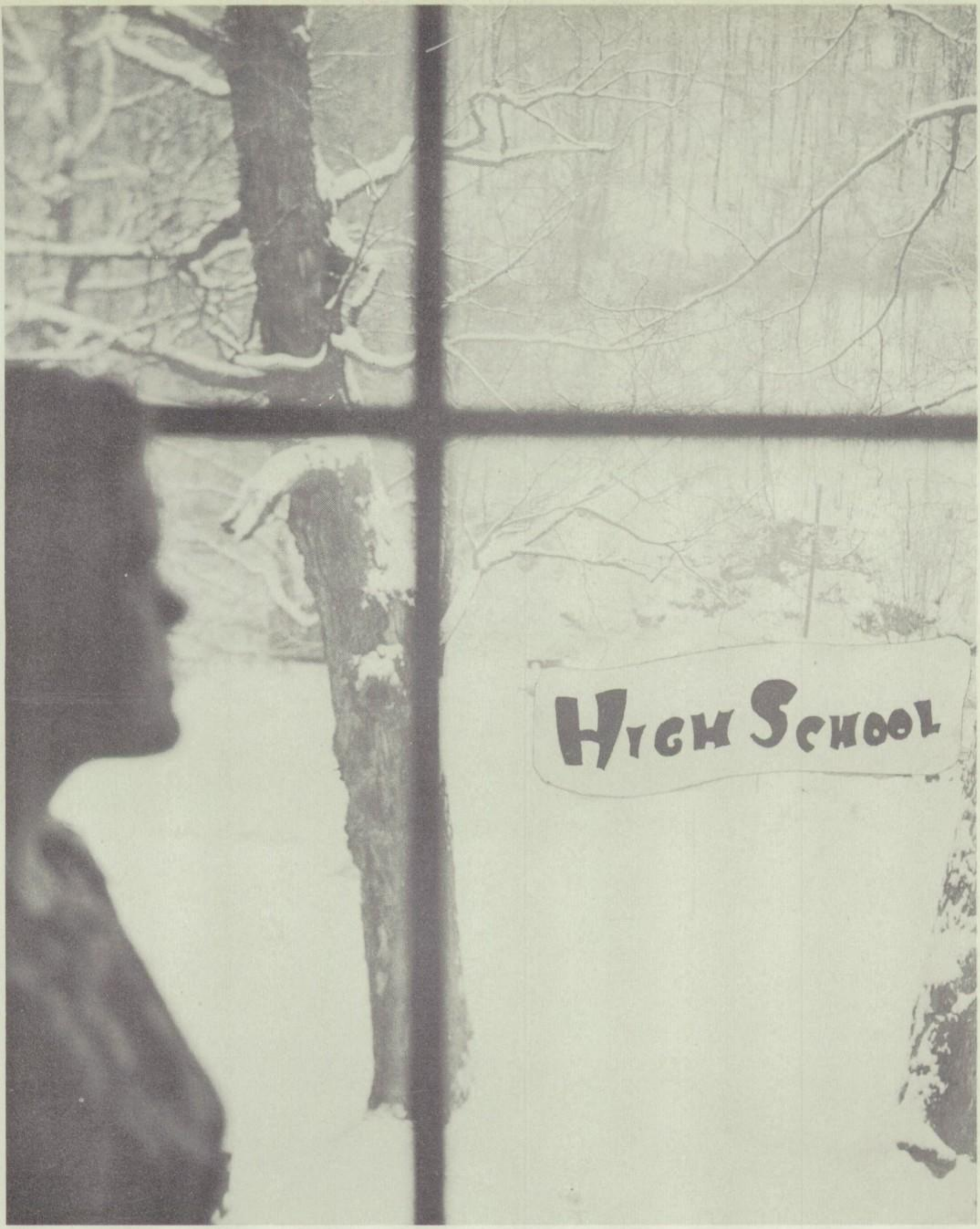
High School

Seniors - Officers

Norman Hostetler Jr.

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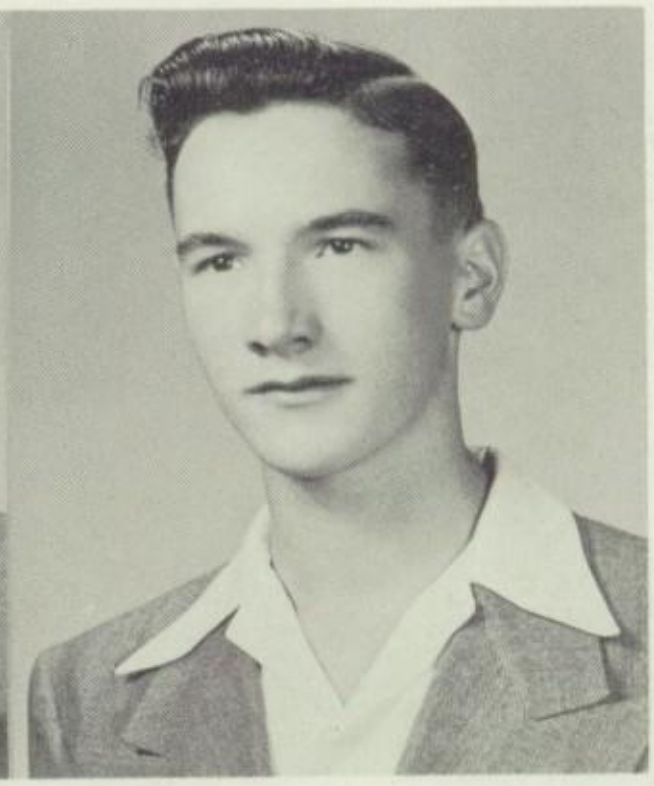
Robert Shetler

Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary of Wood Working Club, 1; Pilot Staff, 1, 4; Athletic Committee, 1; Class Vice President, 1, 2, 4; Athletic Club, 2, 3; Class President, 3; Neo Discarian Literary, 2, 3, 4; Business Manager of Mem-o-re, 3; Vice President of Religious Life Committee, 4.



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Class Advisor

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June Beisel

Betty Hostetler

Seniors

Mary Emma Blough

Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Ladies' Chorus, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Ass., 2, 3; Home Maker's Club, 1; Pilot Staff, 1, 2, Assistant Editor, 3; Editor, 4; Librarian, 1; Neo-Discarian Literary, 2, 3, 4; School Secretary, 4.

Virginia Miller

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Wilma Jean Miller

La Grange, 1, 2; Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Club Secretary-Treasurer, 3; Social Committee, 4; Neo-Discarian Literary, 3, 4.

Dean Shetler

Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Wood Working Club, 1, 2; Nature Club, 1; Class Secretary, 1; Pilot Staff, 1; Business Manager, 3; Sportsmen Club, 2; Social Committee, 2; Fidelian Literary, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Athletic Club Treasurer, 3.

Schellsburg, 1; Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club, 1; Home Makers Club, 2; Pilot Staff, 2, 4; Librarian, 2, 4; Religious Life Committee, 2; Photography Club, 3; Neo-Discarian Literary, 3, 4.

Wattsburg, 1, 2; Chorus, 3, 4; Home Maker's Club, 3; Fidelian Literary, 3, 4.

Conemaugh Township, 1, 2; Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club, 1, 2; Librarian for Chorus, 1, 2; Class Secretary, 3; Librarian, 3, 4; Athletic Committee, 4; Octet, 4; Neo-Discarian, 3, 4.

Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Nature Club, 1; Sportsmen Club, 1; Hunting and Fishing Club, 2; Boys' Athletic Club, 3; Octet, 4; Neo-Discarian Literary, 2, 3, 4.

Laura Shetler

Verdella Steider

Janet Thomas

Robert Paul Thomas

Class Page

Class Roll	Future Ambitions	Hobby	Favorite Scripture
June Beisel	Bible Course in College	Scrapbooks	Romans 8
Mary Emma Blough	Voluntary Service	Reading	Philippians 1:21
Norman Hostetler	Ultra-modern Farmer	Hunting	Philippians 1:21
John E. Lehman	Modern Farmer	Bird Study	Romans 5:1
Virginia Miller	Nurse	Cooking	John 3:16
Wilma Jean Miller	Telephone Operator	Cooking	I Cor. 3:1
Dean Shetler	Chemistry Technician	Bird Study	I Cor. 10:31
Laura Shetler	Secretary	Reading	II Tim. 2:3
Robert Shetler	Mechanical Engineer	Hunting	Eccl. 12:1
Verdella Steider	Home Ec. Course in College	Studying Nature	John 20:31
Janet Thomas	Housekeeper	Sports and Music	John 1:1
Robert P. Thomas	Truck Driver	Reading	Philippians 1:21

CLASS FLOWER
Sweet Peas

CLASS COLOR
Light Blue and Light Gray

CLASS MOTTO
"For His Glory"

Juniors

Dean Alwine
P.O.D.
Sports

Marvin Kaufman
P.O.D.

Paul Wyse
Algebra
Photography

Raymond Yoder
P.O.D.

Bro. Shetler
Class Advisor

Letha Blough
Chemistry
Reading

Lois Mishler
Latin
Reading

Delories Pebley
English IV
Music-Poetry

Berena Shetler
Chemistry
Singing

Ethel Thomas
Typing
Poetry

Stanwyn Shetler
Chemistry
Bird Study

Norma Cable
Chemistry
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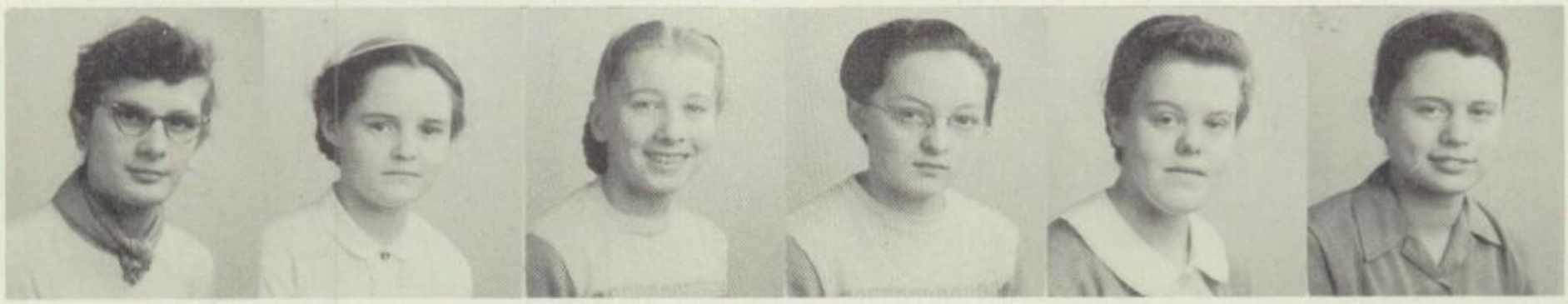
Music

Esther Almine
Bookkeeping
Sewing

Don Kolb
P.O.D.
Baseball

Sophomores



First row—left to right—Leon Hostetler, Dwight Kaufman, Paul Mishler, William Pebley, Ruth Beisel, Dorothea Jacobs.
Second row—Esther Miller, Joyce Roth, Lila Shetler, Ruth Thomas, Velma Thomas, Betty Wenger.
Third row—Rosalie Wyse, Catherine Fern Yoder, Advisor Bro. Lehman.

We the "sophisticated" sophomores of this school are looking forward to the future! This year each of us paid a certain amount of dues toward our junior and senior years for the expense of trips and other costs.

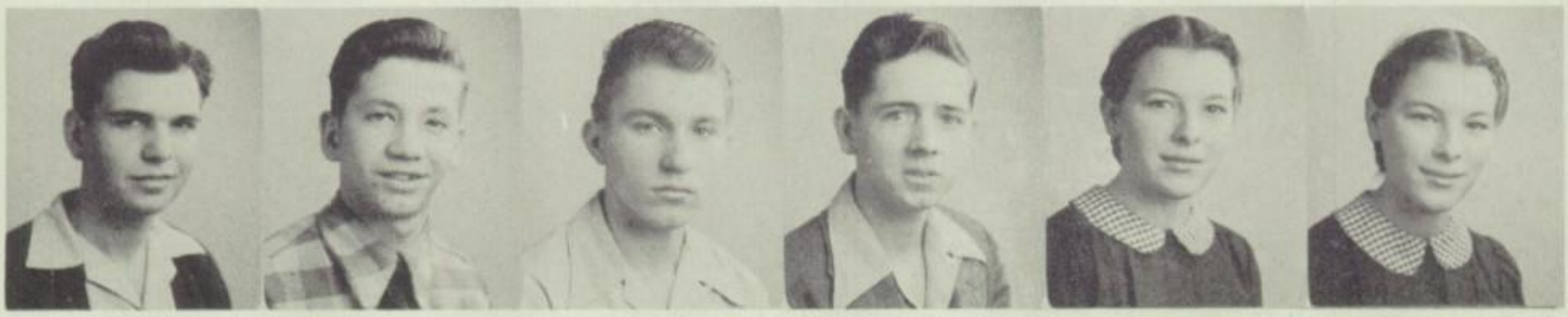
So far we have the largest class in the high school. There are fourteen, consisting of ten girls and four boys, which incidentally formed a quartet. Our class officers are as follows: president, Esther Miller; vice president, Leon Hostetler; secretary, Dorothea Jacobs; treasurer, Betty Wenger.

Toward the end of our school year we had a class night. This is a night when the advisor entertains us.

In describing us, you could use these adjectives (we hope), Christian, friendly, honest, kind, well-mannered, co-operative. We would like to be noted for our cheery smile and Christian friendliness.

Our class flower is a white rose, our colors, light and dark blue, and our motto, "To Christ Our Guide." Our desire is to follow our motto faithfully.

Freshmen



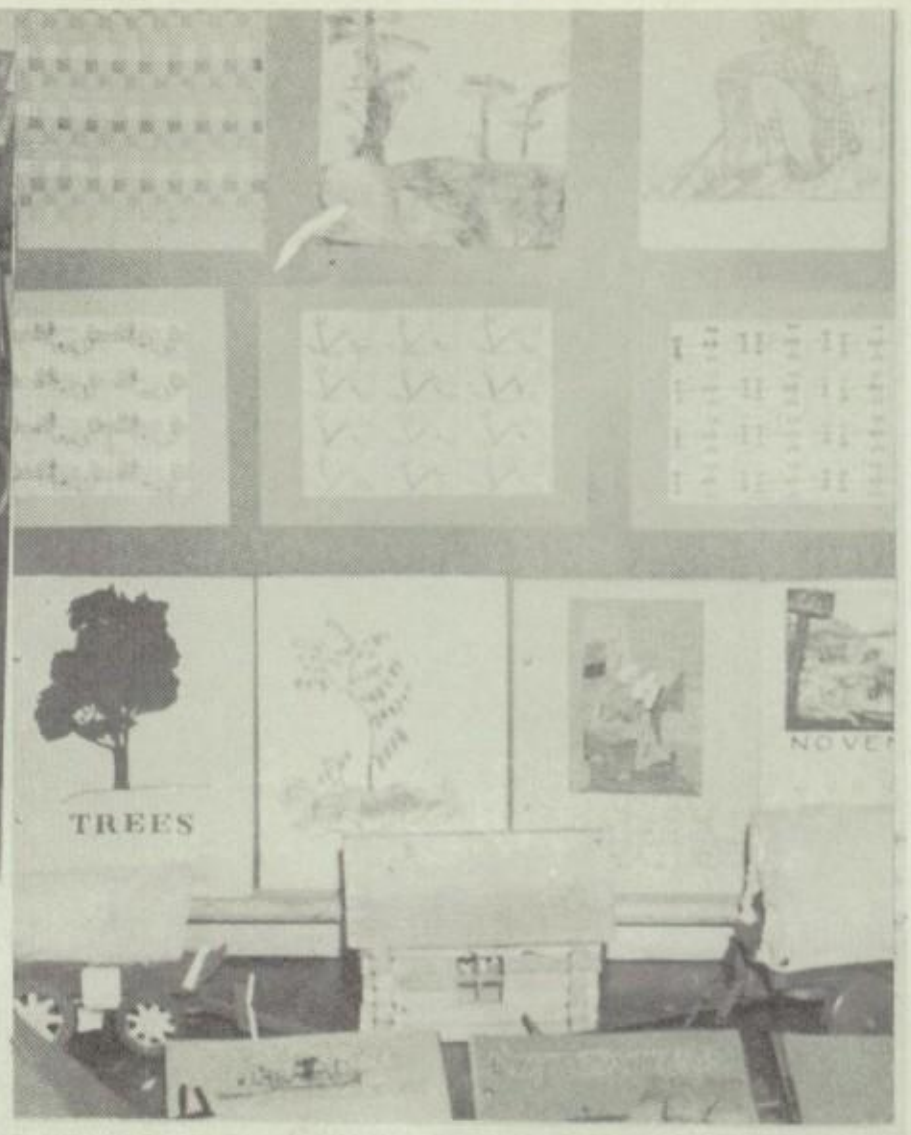
First row—Paul Alwine, Lester Harshberger, Carmin Stayrook, Anna Lehman, Hannah Lehman.
Second row—Martha Mishler, Roda Thomas, Advisor Bro. Hege.

The Freshman class, composed of eight energetic students, completed an interesting year of events. Bro. Nathan Hege served as advisor while the officers were Leonard Shetler, President; Carmin Stayrook, Vice President; Martha Mishltr, Secretary-treasurer.

With the co-operation of the group, it was planned to go to Bro. Hege's home for the Freshman outing.

The highlight of the year was a science tour to Pittsburgh with the Sophomore class.

Most of our time was spent, as it is in every school, studying. Despite the fact that hard work was put into the year, the Freshman class also enjoyed its share of fun and wound up the school year of 1949-50 very successfully obtaining the purposes for which they were striving.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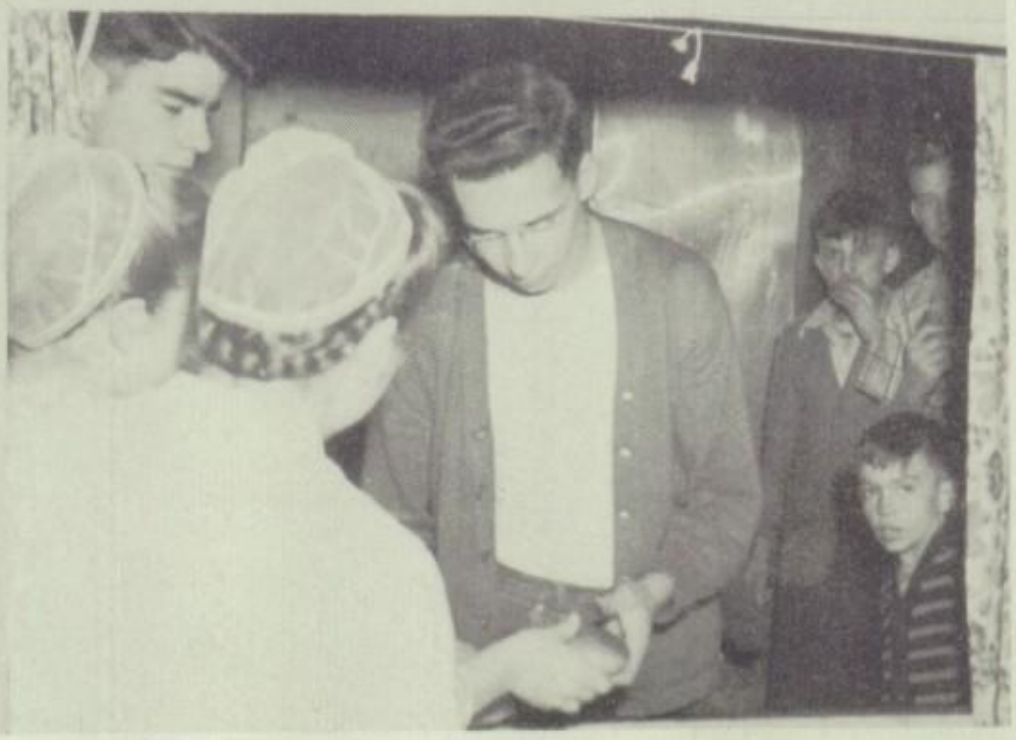
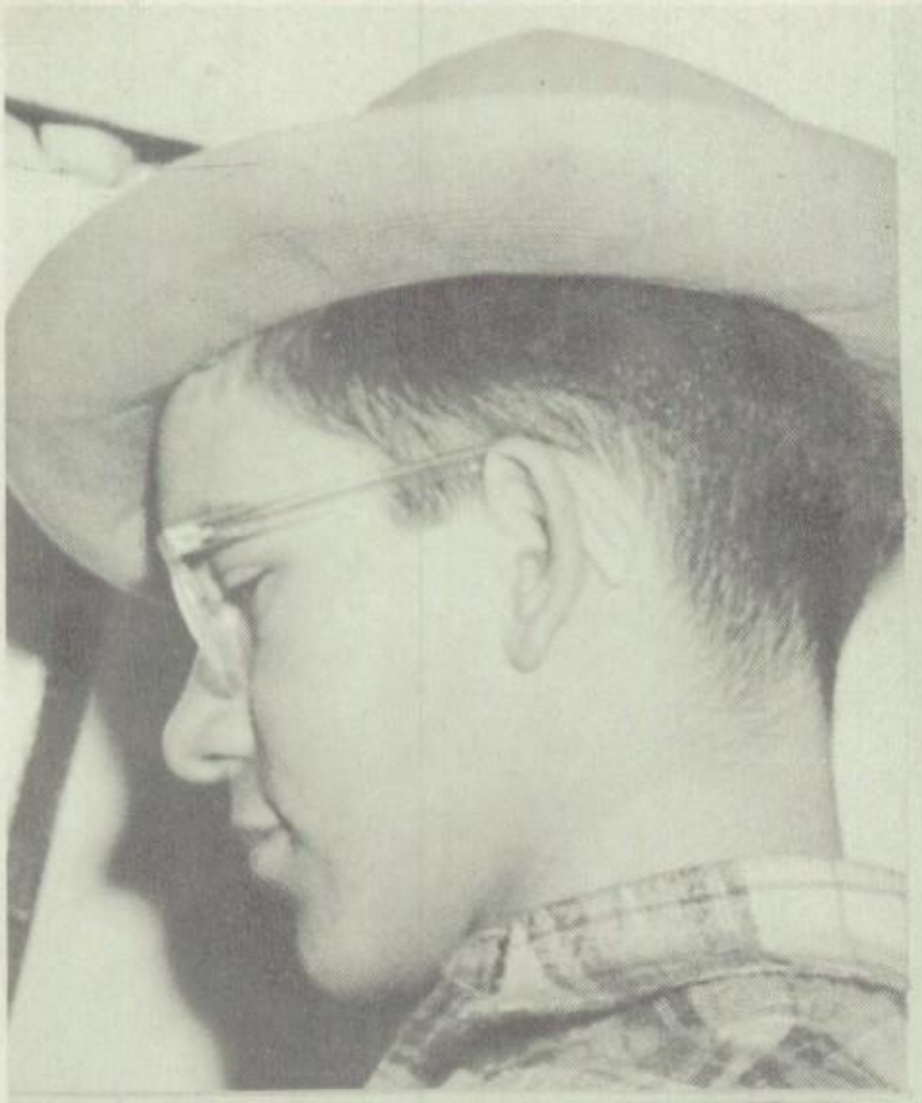
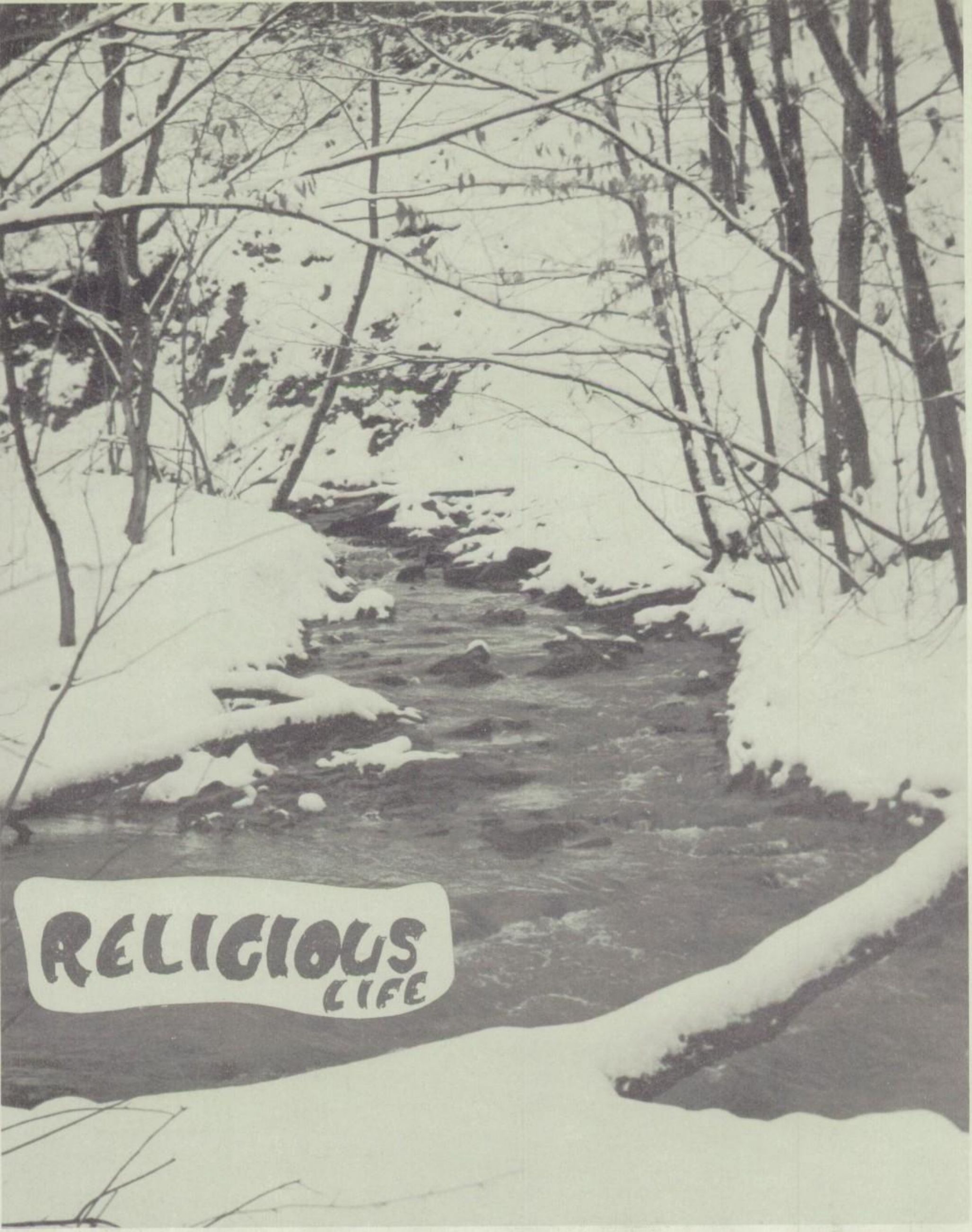





RELIGIOUS
LIFE

Religious Life Committee

This is the most important committee in the school for it deals with the religious side of life. To promote spiritual growth and to plan programs that will build and mold Christian character is the work of this committee.

The Committee is composed of five students and a faculty member as adviser. Officers and members are as follows:

Stanwyn Shetler, chairman
Robert Shetler, vice-chairman
June Beisel, secretary-treasurer
Norma Cable
Virginia Miller
John A. Lehman, adviser

The morning devotion periods, chapel periods, carol singings, services for the sick, programs for chorus tours are planned by the committee. During the term we were glad to have a large number of visiting ministers and others to conduct our daily devotions and chapel. This is a help to us students in becoming better acquainted with ministers of other conferences and states.

Our daily devotional period, the first twenty minutes of each day, is varied as much as possible to keep up the interest of the students. Student and faculty talks, hymn sings, scripture readings, and special music are some of he features of these programs. Question-box week is a week always enjoyed when faculty members attempt to answer the many questions relating to Christian life and conduct.

One strong emphasis is the matter of student participation. Every student sometime during the year has a part in one way or another. We are happy to say that every student can lead in prayer. We as a committee want to thank all of the students for taking their part so well; we hope we have rendered the best service to you.

Music of 1949 - 50

"Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing." This thought comes into the mind as the forty-five members of our school chorus gather together, during the third period each Friday, to keep our spiritual aspirations alive!

The members of the chorus are not selected; anyone from grades nine to twelve may join. These practices once a week have helped train our voices tremendously. After many painstaking hours with our competent director, Bro Shetler working right along with us, we have tried and mastered different types of music such as classical numbers and old gospel hymns.

Our purpose is not only to produce good harmony, but to express the different moods and interpret the meaning of the music. Another purpose, is to build up our vocal singing in the churches. With these purposes in mind and with a spirit of worship we have tried to carry into a number of churches, in our local district and at a distance, the values we have gained.

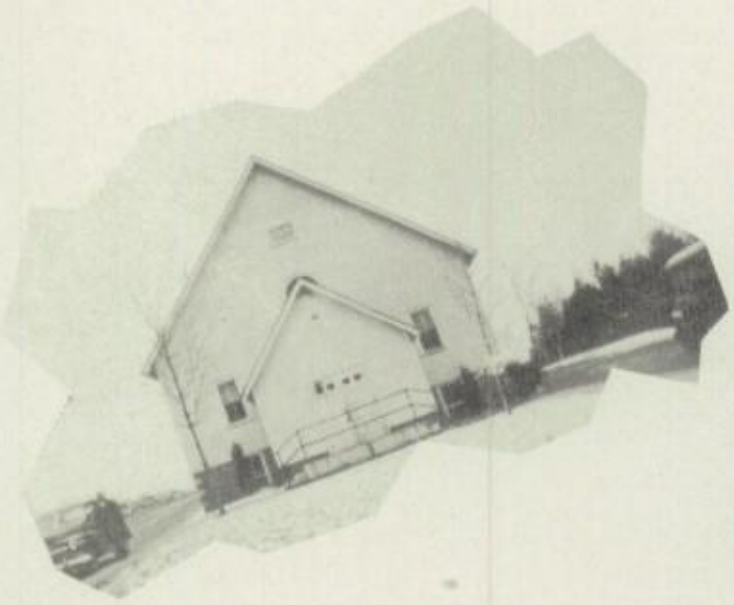
Certainly we are happy for our chorus training.

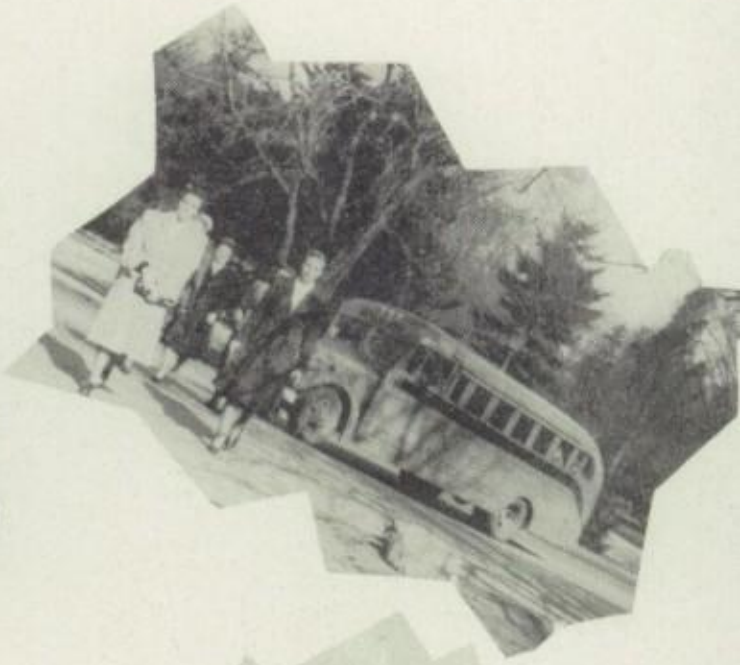
Other groups functioning during this school year also were the Mixed Octet, Men's Octet, Pebley Quartet, Ladies' Chorus, and Junior Chorus. Through these various groups everyone gets a chance to express their musical talent and thereby bring glory to God through song. These groups always help to enliven the school life.

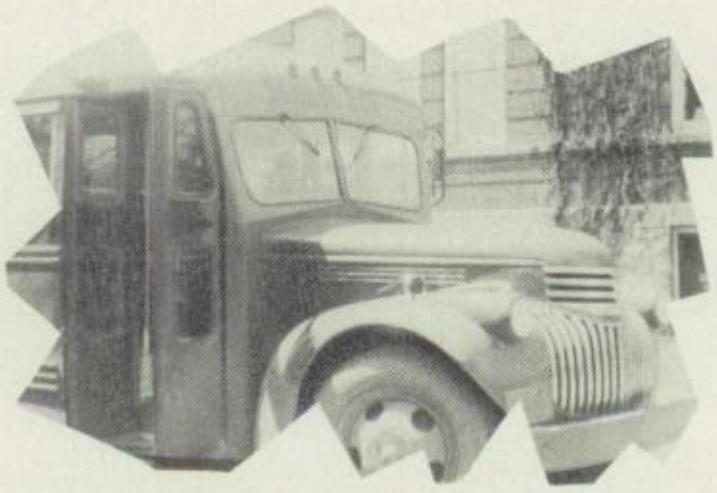
Mixed Octet

Pebley Quartet

Chorus Tour 1949 - 1950







This past spring we took an extended tour covering six states and nine churches. We started from our school on Good Friday and were gone one week. The first program was at Beaverdam Church, Corry, Penna; second, Elma, N. Y.; then Breslau, Canada; Baden Canada; Detroit Mission, Michigan; Topeka, Indiana; Goshen College, Indiana; Plain City, Ohio; and last, Martins' Church, Wooster, Ohio. I am convinced this tour was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We were rewarded by pleasing those who love to hear Him in song. Now that we have this traveling spirit in our system, we are anticipating trips to other parts as time goes on.

ACTIVITIES

FIDELIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

It's the Fidelian Literary Society that extends its welcome smile to the newcomer. To feel the grasp of a hand, to look into sincere eyes, to hear a kind word is to experience fellowship with a Fidelian.

If you want to see thirty students at their best, just stop in some Friday morning and make your own observation. You would find the group eagerly watching their efficient president who is faithfully following the rules of parlimentary law as he directs the meeting. You would see individuals responding with time like precision to their leader. In short you would see students at work.

Here is where we speak, sing and discuss. Here is where we develop our abilities for service. Here is where we learn to get along with people, and understand true value and acquire an appreciation for the things that constitute real life.

A look into the future reveals big times ahead for the Fidelians. With an ever increasing enrollment and wider experience we will learn, live, but most of all serve. Watch the faithful ones as they reach new zeniths of progress in the literary world.

Faithful then, faithful now, faithful alway. We are the Fidelians of J. M. S.

THE NEO DISCARIAN

"The Youthful Learners" started out the year with Norman Hostetler Jr. at the helm as president. Robert Paul Thomas served as his assistant. Norma Cable faithfully recorded a report of programs rendered and the important events and resolutions of this august though youthful body. Wilma Jean Miller carefully cared for all our money. We were ushered to our seats by Robert Shetler and Ruth Beisel.

At the first meeting the Neo Discarians won new members. Each of the two societies tries to make their group the most attractive. The rivalry adds spice to school life. The period was closed by an impromtu program.

The programs of the year were varied and seasonal. Some interesting parlimentary drills were practiced. Debates developed friendly competition. Each member feels that the Neo Discarians are an essential and very necessary part of J.M.S.

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Janet Thomas, Donald Kolb, Robert Shetler
Dean Alwine, Laura Shetler, Ruth Beisel
Leonard Shetler

Editorial

Recently in a certain class the teacher took the students sort of by surprise when he asked the question, "Why are you a Ch[illegible] made us think. [illegible] why we were Chri[illegible] asked yourself th[illegible] give yourself an [illegible] did you become a [illegible] cause your best i[illegible] cause your parent[illegible] it because you fe[illegible] icur? I hope it [illegible] son.

If you are a [illegible] others want to be [illegible] your joy in livin[illegible] ian should be a [illegible] say, it is so hard to be happy when people all around are laughing at you, yes, and maybe even trying to harm you. Have you ever thought of what our Christian forefathers went through because of the fact that they were Christians. Some of them died for their beliefs. In I Peter 2:21, we read, "....Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." Because Christ suffered for us, can't we suffer for Him? Peter 3:17---"For it is better, if the will of God be so that ye suffer for well doing than for evil doing." Our persecutions are nothing compared to Christ's. Yet we complain.

Why not be a happy Christian, not a long-faced one? And have a good answer ready for the next person who asks, "Why are you a Christian?"

Small Talk

One day a group of the small boys were talking together about anything and everything. The discussion turned to girls and soon Moses Yoder came up to the teacher and said, "Teacher, I hain't never going to get married because women think you always have to buy them everything they see."

On Friday the first four grades were making little cups or baskets to put candy in for Valentine's Day. One of the little first grade boys made a slight mistake on his and he ended up with a long narrow basket instead of a square one. After Paul's was finished he came up to the teacher carrying his [illegible]d said, "Now I [illegible] beans."

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Bouquets

[illegible]s of Brother Shetler, our assistant teacher, Mrs. Wingard wrote this for the Pilot:

If I were giving out bouquets, I would give one to J. M. S. Senior High

for leaving me inside their doors.

for being on the defensive, waiting to be asked questions.

for listening and not bluffing.

for never getting sore at my continual promptings.

for ommitting your studies and taking for granted.

for reports.

for not showing signs of restlessness.

for the strong-minded succeeding in resisting pressure of being bored.

for just being you. May God richly reward you. Folks, here's a yours truly with all my love!

Athletic Committee

The Athletic Committee is made up of three girls and three boys: Janet Thomas, Berena Shetler, Lila Shetler, Norman Hostetler Jr., Marvin Kaufman, and Don Kolb. The two advisors are Miss Hostetler and Bro. Lehman.

In our first meeting we elected officers which were: Norman Hostetler Jr., President; Janet Thomas, Vice President; Marvin Kaufman, Treasurer; Berena Shetler, Secretary.

We purchased bats, balls, ping-pong balls, a new volley ball and net, a badminton set and several indoor games. Credit goes to the Girls' Athletic Club for helping the Athletic Committee out financially at the beginning of this term. We decided to set a fixed fee for all high school students in order to have cash on hand. We found this to be a success.

Athletics at our school at present is confined mostly to out-door exercises and games since we have no gymnasium. While it is not the aim of our instructors to emphasize athletics yet we are looking forward to giving it more place than it now has. Among the proposals for the future is a plan to build a suitable gymnasium. We students are eagerly looking forward to this.

Social Activities

A well-balanced school program must include some sort of social activities. These activities in our school are sponsored by the Social Committee. The committee this year includes the following people:

Chairman—Leon Hostetler

Advisors—Miss Hostetler, Bro. Hege.

Class representatives—Don Kolb, Leonard Shetler, Wilma Jean Miller and Esther Miller.

Social activities help supply all of us with a bit of relaxation from the daily school routine. It is the aim of the committee to provide the school with at least one evening of entertainment every month or six weeks. This year our schedule had several interruptions.

One of the outstanding socials of the year was the weiner roast held at Brother John Lehman's grove. This social was one that included the 7th and 8th graders besides the high school. The evening was spent in playing games until all had acquired an appetite. Then began the feasting of weiners, marshmallows, nector, and pickles—all you could eat and more. Even if you were full, you couldn't resist eating more of the tempting food only to save it from spoiling. The social was then followed by a program in which Bro. Lehman stressed in his talk the importance of Christian Social Activities.

Another interesting function was the evening of fellowship spent at the home of our bus driver, Brother Clarence Alwine. This visit was quite a surprise to Clarence. All seemed to enjoy the evening. The program featured some of the talented pupils of the school and the presentation of a gift in money to Brother Clarence in appreciation of his contribution to our school.

Other activities of the year included a St. Patrick's Day social in Brother Harold Thomas's barn, several outdoor socials and the usual all-day outing for both patrons and students. This day quite often reveals the superiority of the boys over their fathers in the main feature of the day, a softball game.

Thus the social activities of the school progress and do their part in providing for the whole development of each individual.

Junior Senior Events

The last years of High School are packed with varied events. Both classes spend an evening, near the end of school, entertained by their advisor. Those class nights—who can't remember them?

The Junior-Senior Banquet, a month before the close of school, is an evening enjoyed by all juniors and seniors. The well-planned dinner, the spicy talks, and the reminder that school days for the seniors are rapidly coming to a close—make this a never to be forgotten evening of the year.

The Washington trip for the seniors, three days of sight-seeing, what wonders can be seen—buildings, art, and best of all, our government in action. One of the most interesting places of interest was the F.B.I. building. Here it is shown that crime doesn't pay.

Baccalaureate and Commencement—solemnly the seniors, accompanied by the juniors, march up the aisle to the happy reward in store for them.

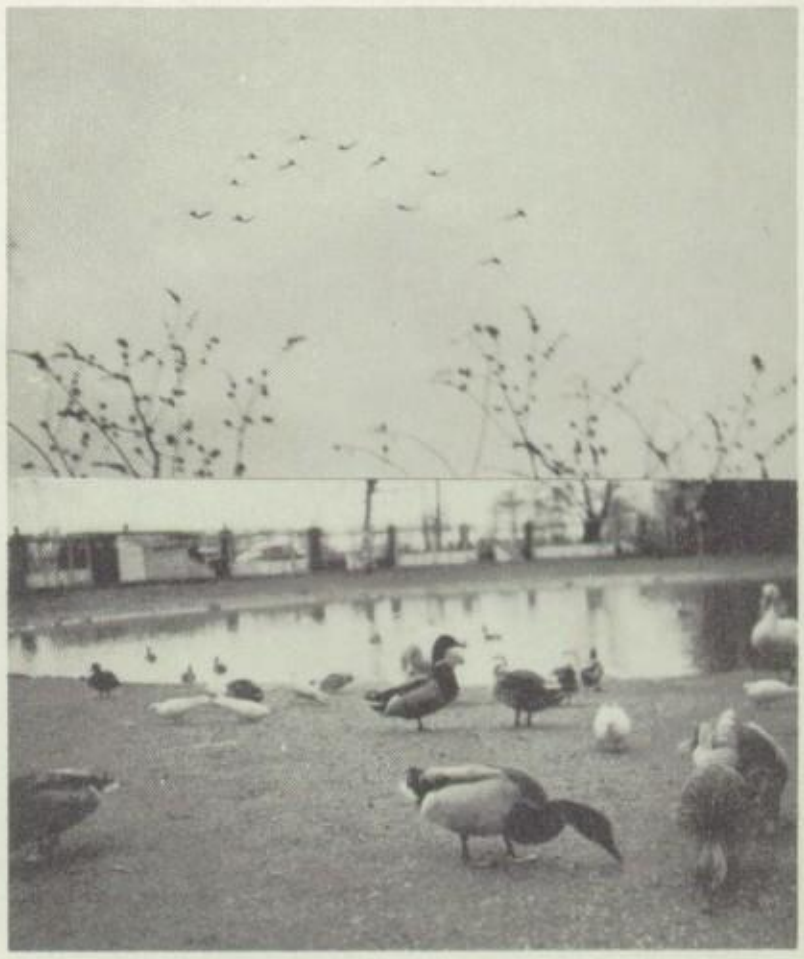
Then, closing the seniors' High School career, is the Senior Class Day when the seniors hand the "Key of Knowledge" to the juniors, following an appropriate program.

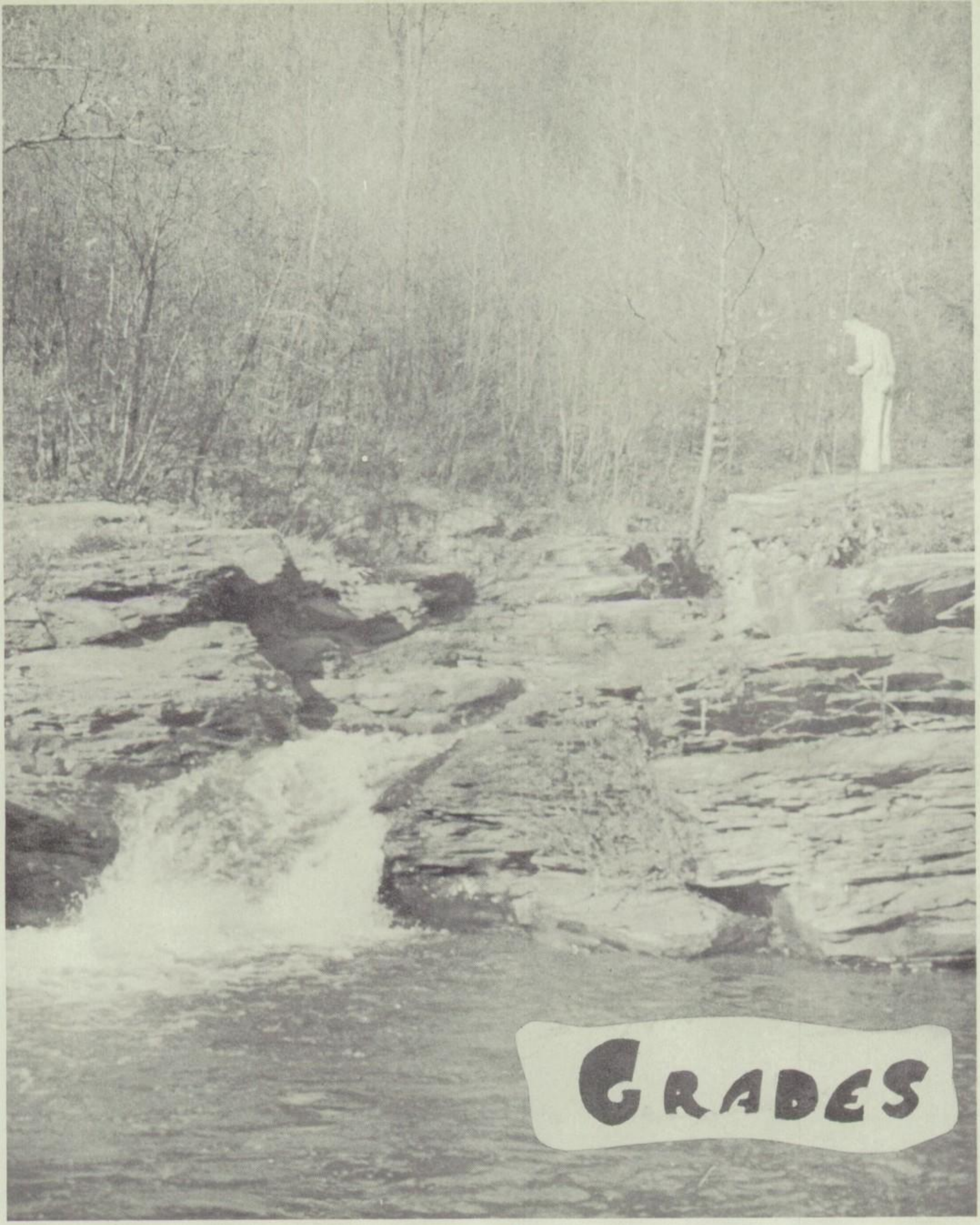
School Tours

The time that the Freedom Train came to Johnstown the entire high school went down to see it. In all we would not want to give up our annual tours.

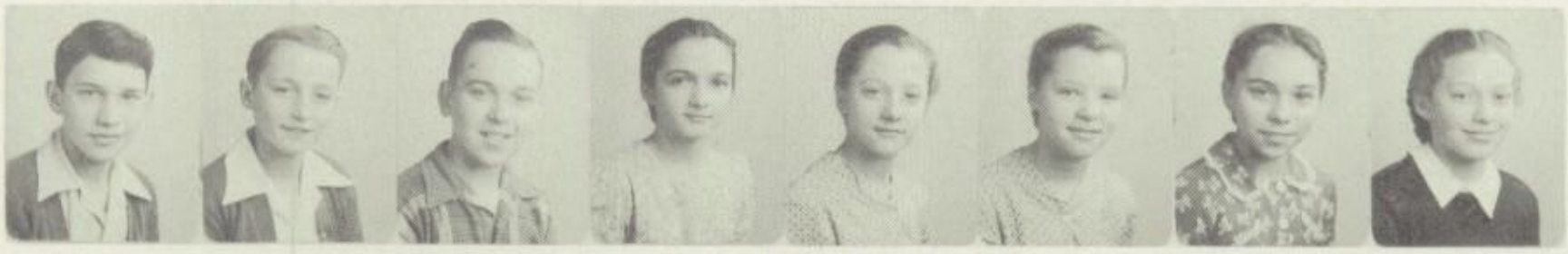
One of the most outstanding school excursions was the visit to the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary Foundation on three consecutive years. The first two years only a car load of boys went each time. These were boys from the school Hunting and Fishing Club. The first year Bro Shetler took eight boys in his car and the second year Bro. Lehman took seven boys in his car. Each year was packed full of fun including a stay at a nice little hotel at Kingsville, Ont. and a thrilling two hour wait to get towed out of deep water. The first year we had the unique privilege of accompanying Jasper Miner to the banding traps and watching the operation. Several of the boys were given the opportunity to release some banded geese. We were all invited into the home and wrote our names in the guest book that Henry Ford signed. On the second tour we went out on a boat onto Lake Erie and each fellow was given the chance to steer the boat. Indeed we who went along enjoyed this tour very much. Last year, due to the fact that our Chorus Tour route went so very near, we drove down to the sanctuary and all got a chance to see his bird resort. This constituted our third visit but as yet there is no fourth one planned although many would be ready to go back.

Indeed school would be a drab place if it were not for all the special activities that are carried out each year. Among these activities perhaps the various tours taken by different groups in the school are the spiciest and add the most to school life. Every year there are several tours taken in connection with the classes to round out our education just a little better. The oldest and one of the most interesting tours is the annual Science Tour to Pittsburgh. This tour is taken from the science standpoint and therefore only those enrolled in a science class of some sort may participate in the tour. For this tour an entire day is chosen and in this day the following places are visited: Carnegie Museum, Conservatory of Flowers, Zoo, Buhl Planetarium and perhaps the airport or Gulf Building. There are always other educational sites and things that can be visited in conjunction with other classes so some of the other classes have taken various tours also. Some of these included a trip to the county court house and jail, a trip to a Jewish synagogue, a trip to the Johnstown Art School, a trip to the Lorain Steel Mills during open house and an Occupations Class tour which included a bakery, a radio station, a dairy and an airport.



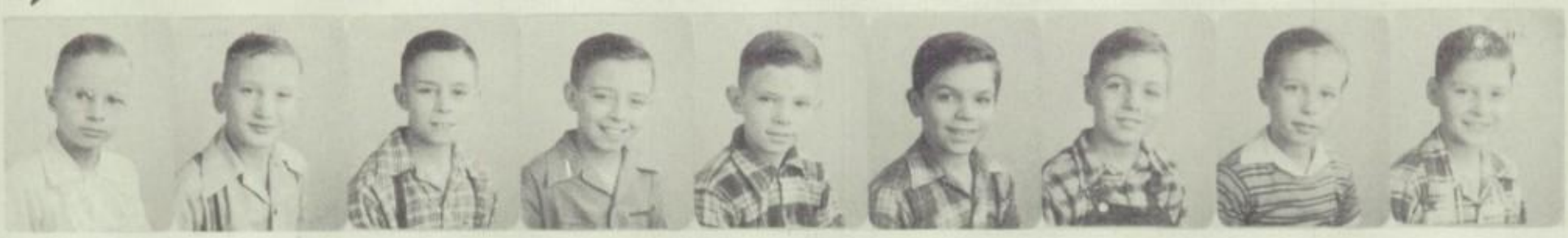

GRADES

Grades 5 - 8



Eighth—left to right—Harold Alwine, Paul Blough, Raymond Cable, Ronald Pebley, Dorsey Thomas, Robert Thomas, Reta Shetler, Mary Thomas, Esther Lehman.
Seventh—left to right—Ernest Alwine, Robert Hostetler, Carl Kaufman, Rhoda Alwine, Martha Harshberger, Mary Harshberger, Mary Holsopple, Lois Shetler.
Sixth—left to right—first row—Sanford Eash, Donald Gindlesperger—second row—Charles Lóhr, Marlin Shetler—third row—Carlton Yoder, Donald Yoder,—fourth row—Ruth Blough, Joan Harshberger, Erma Lehman—fifth row—Ruth Lehman, Miriam Mishler, Maretta Shetler.
Fifth—left to right—first row—Sanford Alwine, Glenn Lehman—second row—Gerald Kaufman, Paul Lehman—third row—David Shetler, Luther Stayrook—fourth row—Sammy Stayrook, Leon Thomas, Martha Alwine, Barbara Blough—fifth row—Jean Eash, Mary Ellen Eash, Rose Eileen Shetler, Lois Spory—Teacher—Henry Yoder.

Grades 1 - 4



Fourth—left to right—first row—Leroy Beisel, Merle Cable, Duane Eash, Marlin Eash, David Harshberger, David Holsopple, Wayne Kaufman, Lester Lehman, Harold Thomas Jr. Second row—Moses Yoder, Joyce Kaufman, Verna Kaufman, Phyllis Lehman, Winifred Miller, Eunice Stayrook.
Third—left to right—first row—Carl Alwine, Paul Harshberger, Willard Lehman, David Pebley—second row—Glenn Thomas Jr., Catherine Alwine, Lila Eash, Wanda Kaufman,—third row —Anita Shetler, Bernadine Thomas, Grace Thomas.
Second—left to right—first row—Melvin Alwine, Roy Ogburn—second row—David Eash, John Lehman, Ernest Spory, Harley Thomas, Ruth Eash, Elmira Lehman, Patsy Stayrook, Karen Miller, Sharon Miller.
First—left to right—Melvin Blough, Paul Holsopple, David Stayrook, Janet Eash, Carol Shetler, Sharon Wingard.
Teacher—Betty Hostetler.

Grades 5 - 8

Grades 5-8 are composed of 43 bright-eyed pupils. We have interesting times together and even enjoy subjects like history and geography which some people call dry. Subjects become interesting especially when our traveling pupils return and tell stories. Maretta Shetler, a sixth grade pupil toured a number of the Southern States and gave an interesting report in geography class on her trip.

Two families represented in our room had the sad experience of losing their mothers in the past year, Mrs. Orvin Blough and Mrs. Clarence Alwine.

We all had an unforgettable interlude in our year. Fifth and Sixth grade spent five weeks at Cambria Fuel due to the fire on February 3. Seventh and Eighth grade spent their time at the Bible School Dorm.

When we saw how our school was saved from burning to the ground we were made to feel that "the Lord hath done great things for us where of we are glad."

Grades 1 - 4

Every morning we begin the day with a devotional period. The period begins with singing led by one of the pupils in the room. After the singing we spend several minutes in quoting Bible verses, learning new ones or quoting portions of Scripture we already know. Sometimes we hear a Bible story or another story that has a good moral lesson to teach us. Often we talk about the origin and meaning of one of the songs that we sing. Our morning prayer is sometimes short sentence prayers by the students or teacher. Other times we sing a prayer that we have learned during the year. A few songs by the group or by the third grade trio or other special groups, closed our devotional period.

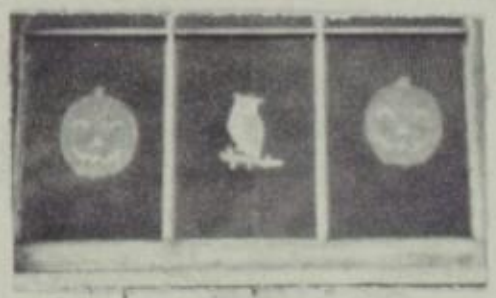
After a period of fellowship with God we are ready to begin our lessons. We have had several interesting projects by the children, among these was an Indian project. The fourth grade enjoyed very much making an Indian tepee from burlap sacks and painting designs on it. The boys also made bows and arrows and axes while the girls dressed several of their black-haired dolls to look like Indian people. They worked very hard to paint designs on the dresses and put beads around the necks of their realistic dolls.

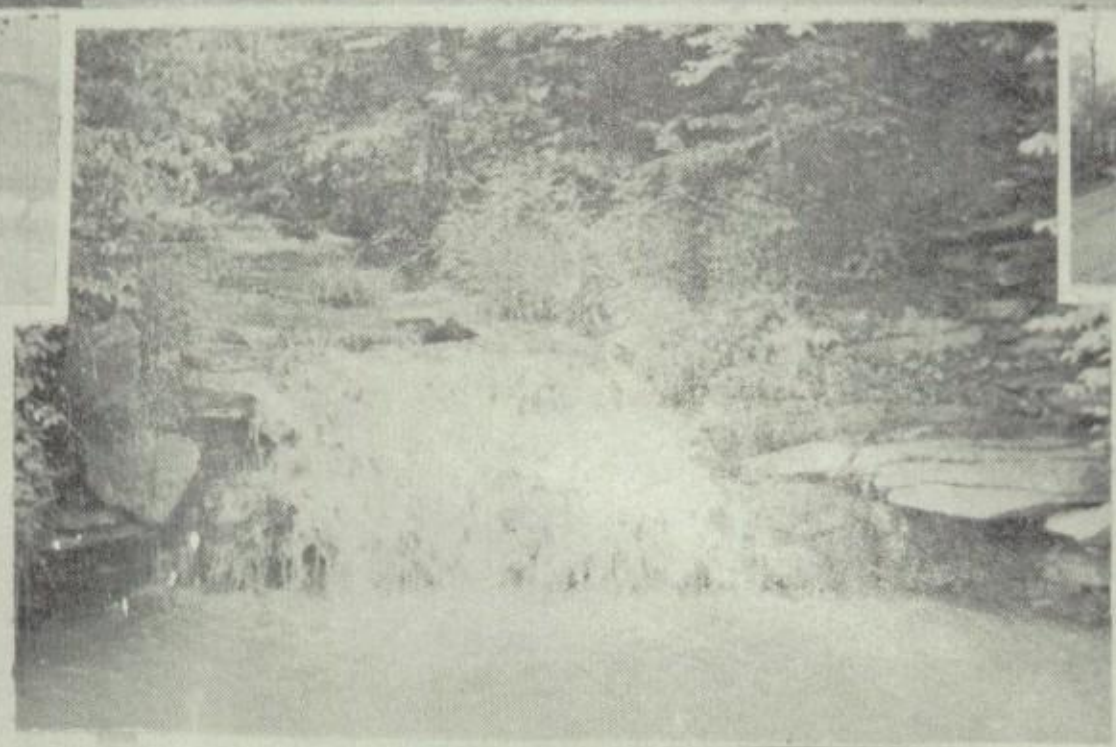
Usually on Special Holidays we have some sort of decoration in our room to remind us of the occasion. During the Halloween season we had several corn shocks and pumpkins in the room. The children were very happy when they could have Reading Class in the corn field rather than on the front seats.

Several times during the year we had parties for which we made our own candy cups, place cards or decorated our own napkins. For our Christmas program some of the first, third and fourth graders made up a little skit or play to show the Spirit of Christmas. I suggested a theme for the play and they worked it out and presented it without any supervision what-so-ever.

Many of the parents expressed their feelings about it and said they thought it one of the best ever presented by the young children.

The 43 pupils in our room from grades 1-4 have certainly been working hard to make this year a happy year in spite of crowded conditions or other difficulties that did arise.



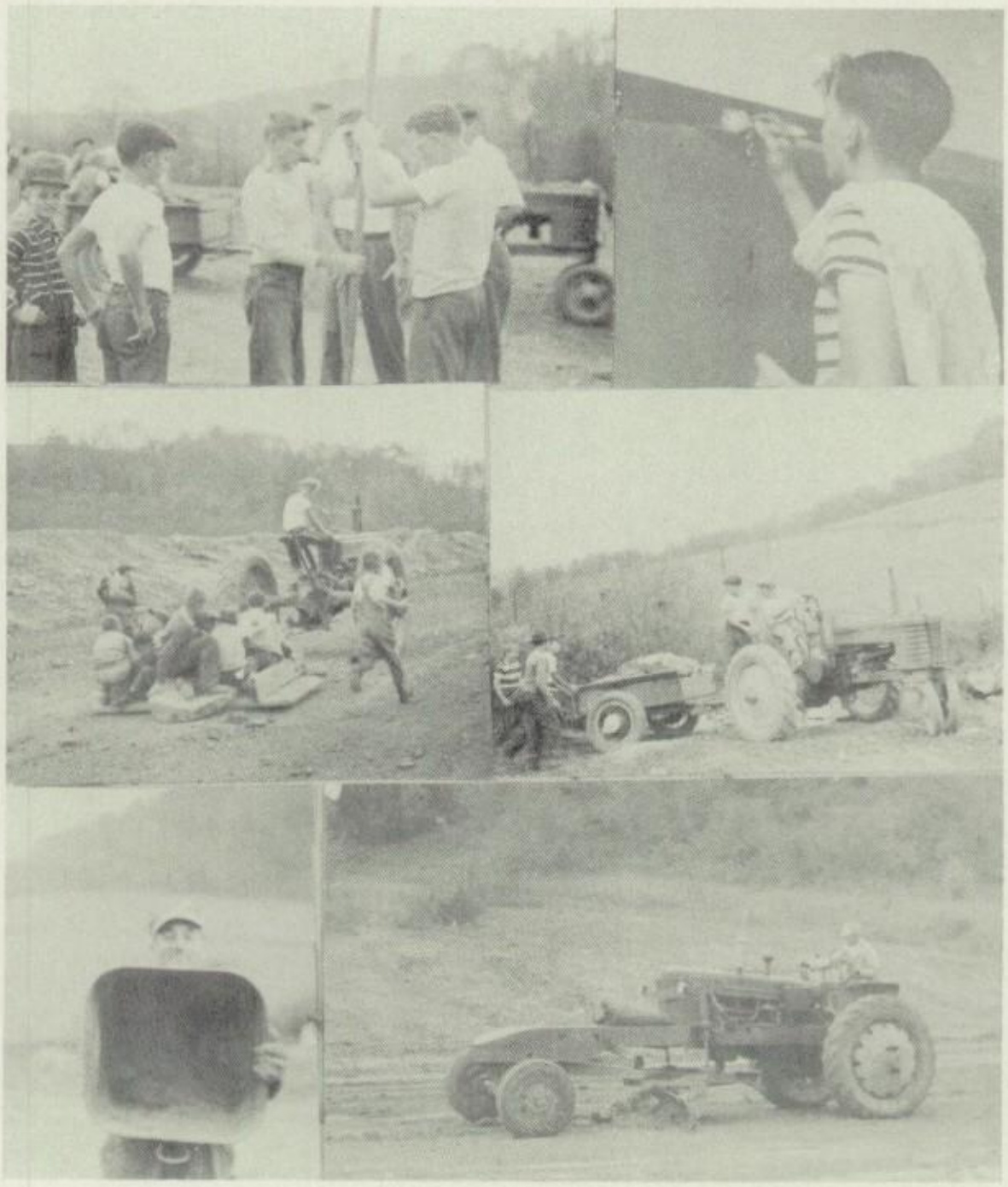


PATRONS

Patrons List

Name	Children in School	Occupation	Congregation
Samuel Miller	4	Farmer	Emma, Ind.
Slater Mishler	4	Carpenter	Blough
John Ogburn	1	Carpenter	Blough
William Pebley	4	Plumber	Walsall
Dan Roth	1	Painter, Paper Hanger	Emma, Ind.
Charles Shetler	1	Minister, Farmer	Schellsburg
Clayton Shetler	2	Carpenter	Blough
Delmar Shetler	3	Salesman, Mail carrier	Kaufman
Harry Shetler	1	Minister, Painter	Kaufman
Jacob Shetler	3	Painter	Kaufman
Sanford Shetler	5	Minister, Teacher	Stahl
Millard Spory	2	Farmer	Thomas
Morton Stayrook	6	Miner, Mason	Stahl
Harvey Steider	1	Farmer	Beaver Dam
Elmer Thomas	2	Mill Worker	Stahl
Glenn Thomas	3	Salesman	Blough
Freeman Thomas	4	Farmer	Thomas
Harold Thomas	2	Deacon, Teacher	Stahl
Levi Thomas	3	Teacher	Stahl
Webster Thomas	1	Farmer	Blough
Raymond Wenger	1	Shipping Clerk	Scottdale
Aldus Wingard	1	Minister, Shovel Op.	Thomas
Paul Wingard	1	Laborer	Kaufman
Monroe Wyse	2	Treas. Pub. House	Scottdale
Edward Yoder	2	Carpenter	Stahl
Henry Yoder	1	Service Sta. Operator	Blough
Leroy Yoder	1	Barber, Painter	Kaufman
Moses Yoder	1	Mill Worker	Kaufman
Clarence Alwine	3	Minister, Bus Driver	Kaufman
David Alwine	4	Minister, Mill Worker	Stahl
Walter Alwine	4	Farmer	Kaufman
Clair Beisel	3	Electrician	Pleasant Grove
Harry C. Blough	2	Minister, Carpenter	Blough
Orvin Blough	3	Carpenter	Stahl
James Cable	3	Mason, Miner	Kaufman
Elmer Eash	5	Steel Mill Worker	Blough
Robert Eash	4	Farmer	Kaufman
Nelson Gindlesberger	1	Carpenter	Kaufman
Erwin Harshberger	4	Carpenter, Farmer	Stahl
Owen Hershberger	2	Truck Driver	Blough
Alvin Holsopple	3	Mechanic	Kaufman
Norman Hostetler	3	Farmer	Blough
Paul Jacobs	1	Salesman	Kaufman
Calvin Kaufman	2	Electrician	Stahl
Ernest Kaufman	3	Laborer	Thomas
Leon Kaufman	2	Farmer	Thomas
Richard Kauffman	1	Farmer	Thomas
Edwin Kolb	1	Dairyman	Springs
Earl Lehman	2	Laborer	Kaufman
Ella Lehman	1	Homemaker	Stahl
John A. Lehman	4	Minister, Teacher	Blough
John T. Lehman	2	Miner	Stahl
Kenneth Lehman	3	Dairy Worker	Kaufman
Owen Lehman	1	Farmer	Thomas
James Miller	2	Miner	Kaufman
Viola Miller	1	Homemaker	Springs

"Frolics"



The good old-fashioned "frolic" is the Pennsylvania Dutch way of getting work done in groups at a low cost. We have had so many frolics since the beginning of school that we have lost count. First, excavation for the building was done by this method—farmers, carpenters, electricians, miners,—all joined in on spare days to bring this work to completion. Then blocks were laid, the framework erected, floors cemented and so on—thousands of man-hours being given by men and women, boys and girls, doing all kinds of work from excavation to painting, electric wiring, sanding of floors, washing windows, landscaping, and repairing school desks!

At the beginning of this year, men and boys helped in our big project of preparing our athletic field. Much was accomplished. But the biggest project outside of the clean-up frolics had to do with the repairing, re-conditioning, and cleaning of the school following the fire which occurred on February 3. It was heartening to see large numbers of men present day after day during this five-week period when the school was vacated. Everyone seemed to catch the spirit of frolicing young and old. Even some who have no connection with the school donated hours and hours of labor.

The old-fashioned way is not only a tremendous saving, but the brotherly spirit is alone something worth seeing in these days when each works for himself. Certainly Christian brotherhood—and the frolic spirit is needed not only in our school but in the world at large.

School Diary - 1949-50

1949

August 31—The halls of J. M. S. again resound with the laughter of high school pupils. Today we elected our different committees.

September 1—More laughter and noise, for today the grades joined the high school for the happy term of 1949-50.

September 2—Social tonight in John Lehman's woods. Played "Dizzy Dean" and we are still dizzy.

September 9—Bro. Malager, from India, spoke to us today.

September 16—The Holderman's who toured Alaska visited and spoke to the school today.

September 23—B. Charles Hostetter, the Student Pastor of Eastern Mennonite College, gave us his oration on the "Folly of War". Gruesome!

October 3—Today the Bible II class visited the Jewish Synagogue in Johnstown. Yom Kippur Day.

October 14—Wilbur Yoder, from Middlebury, Indiana, talked to us on the Rich Young Ruler. Very good.

October 19—Scrub rags, buckets, brushes, and dirty hands. Clean up this afternoon.

Oceober 20—Visitors from all over the U. S. Here for the Board of Education Meeting.

November 1—P.O.D. Class at Bro. Shetler's Home to see the educational film on Wall Street.

November 8—More fun tonight. Social at Clarence Alwine's.

November 24-25—Thanksgiving Vacation.

November 28—Big day! Boys and the Principal went deer hunting.

December 23—Christmas program given today.

December 23-January 3, 1950—Christmas vacation.

1950

January 3—New teacher! Mrs. Paul Wingard taking the place of Bro. Shetler who is in Florida.

January 16—Bro. Shetler back!

January 24-25—Semester tests.

February 3—What excitement! One half hour before school started our school building caught on fire. Brave seniors and teachers led the pupils to safety and emptied the fire extinguishers. Several thousand dollars damage done. Thank God the whole building didn't burn down! Clean up this afternoon. Local fire companies fought valiantly for several hours to extinguish the fire.

February 5—Those of the Chorus who survived the shock sang at Belleville this evening.

February 7—School today. High school at J.B.S. dorm.. First, second, seventh and eighth grades in the little wash house above dorm. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades at Cambria Fuel.

February 8—Gradually getting settled to our new surroundings.

February 13-17—Boiler and radiators arrive for the installation of the new hot water heating system.

March 6-10—Boys busy at the school. Painting! Varnishing desks!

March 13—What a day! Back to the "new" school house. We admire the freshly painted walls. We see many things done. Some extra things done that had not been done before. Many thanks to the faithful patrons.

March 14—Happy day for at least one teacher. Rachael Ann comes to brighten the home of Henry and Esther (Eash) Yoder.

April 7-10—Easter vacation.

April 19-21—Seniors are in Washington, D. C. The rest of the school is happy.

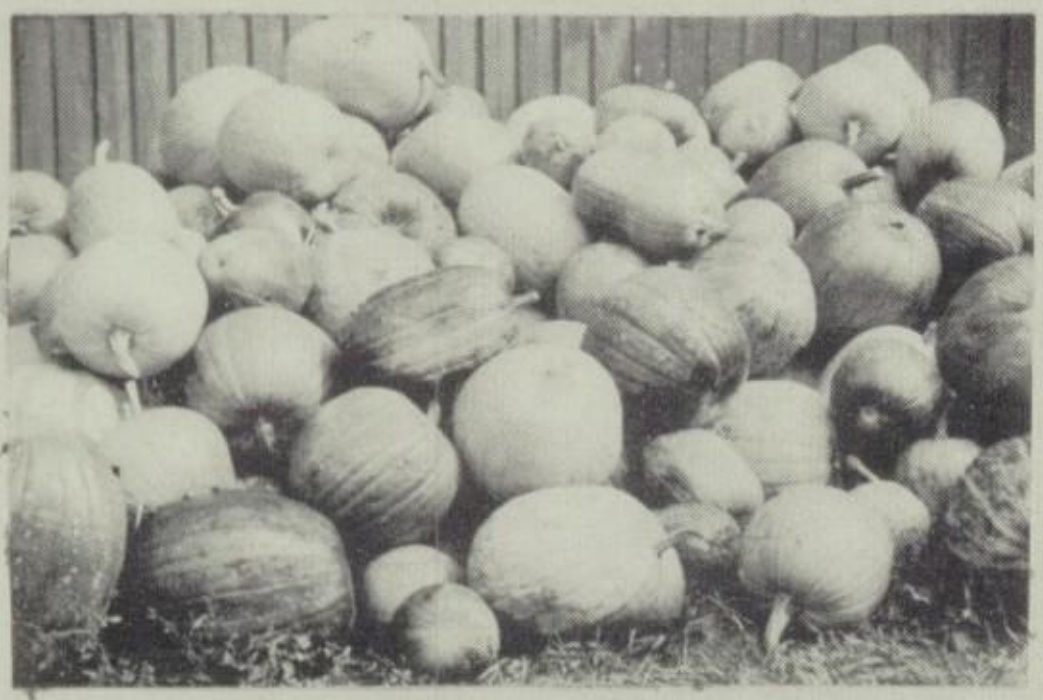
April 28—Class night. Every class with their sponsor tonight.

May 12—Junior-Senior Banquet tonight. Very interesting program.

May 28—Bacculaureate tonight!

May 29—Commencement tonight!

May 30—School picnic which ends the term of 1949-50 and makes it history.



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